

“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
God is Still Speaking

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

Ascension



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation

April 5, 2020

11:00 AM



palm Sunday

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Triumphal Entry” (Quinn)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

FESTIVE PROCESSIONAL

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

musical setting Glory to God 197

please join us in singing

“Hosanna, loud hosanna,” the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.

The one whom angels worship rode on in lowly state,
and glad to see the children,
slowed down the donkey’s gait.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Psalm 118

verses 1-2, 19-29

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

please join us singing

“Hosanna in the highest!” The ancient song is ours.

We hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers:

“Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

Hosanna, in your presence forever we’ll rejoice!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

those who desire to kneel, may do so at this time

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, most of us are not spectacular but ordinary sinners. We see ourselves as basically “good” people, for we do not brazenly swindle, blatantly lie, or willfully kill. But we confess that in everyday life we are prone to manipulating persons and situations for our advantage, altering the truth to suit our purposes, or destroying another’s reputation by our gossip. We use words and commit acts, which do not contribute to kindness and fairness, to healing and wholeness. Forgive us, we pray, the sins we confess, and also the sins we hide, known to you alone.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison A D E A

1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri -
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri -

F# Bm E A (A)

e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Though we betray him, even curse him, like Peter, yet in love Christ comes to save us.

People: **From the cross, he proclaims forgiveness of sins to us and to the whole world.**

Leader: All who believe his words are set free from the pain of the past.

People: **Hosanna! Glory to Jesus!**

HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Glory to God 263 Verse 1

PASSING THE PEACE

GOSPEL LESSON

please rise

Matthew 21:1-11

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HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Glory to God 263 Verse 2

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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THE SERMON

HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Glory to God 263 Verses 3 & 4

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

All: Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

*Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

*Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

We want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have mailed in their offerings to the church. The ministry of Ascension Church continues, we need your support. Although we cannot gather in the building right now, we still have our expenses to pay and our outreach continues.

So, please continue to **mail** in your offerings, or you may also opt to contribute **online** through our new **PayPal** account that you can access on our website at ascensionucc.org and go to the Donate page. Please let us know if you encounter any issues accessing PayPal and know that we are grateful for your generosity.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, as we follow Christ's footsteps toward Calvary, we are also aware of the steps of those disciples who ran away in fear. Having confessed our denials and been blessed with forgiveness, we now offer ourselves anew for the mission of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the world. Receive our giving and strengthen us for service, we pray. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Lift High The Cross"

Glory to God 826

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Even the Stones Shall Shout”

(Vern)

*The Palms are given to the Glory of God,
in memory of the faith and testimony of
Samuel K. & Anna E. Fryer
and to the glory of the resurrected Savior,
whom they served
by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren*



We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.

We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.

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